



TUESDAY EVENING, FEB. 24, 1903.

GOOD SENSE and the necessity of party discipline was well set forth in an interview by Mr. William J. Bryan in Washington on Saturday. He said:

"I do not expect to see any man nominated on the democratic ticket during the present generation who is ashamed of or apologizes for the position of the democratic party in the campaigns of 1896 and 1900. If we cannot win with leaders and conditions in harmony with the views of a large majority of the party we certainly cannot win when the conditions and leaders are utterly opposed to a large majority of the party. So that whether the party would win or not, it is bound to make the fight under leaders in harmony with the views of the majority who will make a strong and steadfast fight for the principles involved in the platform of the party."

Deserters from a political party can no more be trusted than can deserters from an army, and unless strict discipline is maintained in a party, that party must fail. The rank and file of the democratic party will not follow a leader who has once deserted them and the cardinal principle of the democratic party is that the majority must rule, so none of the "quitters" of 1896 and 1900 need expect to be made leaders in the campaign of 1904.

GOVERNOR MONTAGUE was given an ovation in Alexandria yesterday and his stay here was made the occasion of a round of gaieties. From the minute he set foot in the city yesterday until he left this morning he was the recipient of wholesale hospitality, and courteous attentions, and that he enjoyed his visit, he took pains to let all know. After reviewing the parade he was entertained by Mr. C. C. Carlin, later he took lunch with his host Mr. G. L. Boothe, then attended the Masonic banquet, from which he went to the German, where he was the "belle of the ball," and later attended a supper given by Mr. M. L. King, which carried the night into the wee sma' hours. Despite this round of festivities, Governor Montague was up bright and early this morning and took one of the early trains for Richmond.

THE ANNUAL banquet of Alexandria-Washington Lodge of Masons last night in commemoration of Washington's birthday was a brilliant affair and one long-to-be remembered by all who attended. This historic lodge, of which Washington was himself a member, always honors the anniversary of his birth. It is one of the brilliant features of the winter season, and each year it is conducted on a still more elaborate scale. The gathering last night was composed of representative gentlemen of the city and the Commonwealth, and all felt that it was good for them to have been there. The speeches were thrilling and interesting, and at the close of the feast the brethren took leave of each other hoping to meet again in years which are to follow amid similar festive scenes.

EXCEPTING the anniversary of the Declaration of Independence, there is no day upon which the patriotism of the citizens of the United States should be so aroused as the anniversary of the birth of George Washington, our first president. On February 22 we commemorate the great work done by this man; his sterling qualities, both as a soldier, statesman and a gentleman, and young and old should unite in honoring him who is so well entitled to the title "The Father of His Country." As the event this year fell on Sunday, the principal celebrations took place yesterday and right royally did the people of Alexandria, the home town of Washington, observe the anniversary.

THERE was a sound of revelry in Alexandria last night, and the old city had gathered then her beauty and her chivalry. The streets were brightly lighted, many of the buildings were beautifully decorated and illuminated, a sumptuous banquet was given at the Masonic Temple, the young people of the city produced most creditably a bright little opera, a beautiful dance was given where fair women and brave men gathered and looked love to eyes that spake again; open house was kept by many, innumerable social functions were held and all went merrily as a marriage bell.

EMPEROR WILLIAM'S faith in God and Christ and in the authority of the Old Testament, as declared in his letter to Admiral Hillman, councillor of the German Oriental Society, is accepted by the leading authorities of the State and church as satisfactory evidence of his orthodoxy, which for months had been the cause of deep concern to theologians and pastors and has removed all doubts of German theologians regarding the Kaiser's religious belief.

The Earl of Dunraven, chairman of the Irish landlords and tenants' conference says indications point to the success of the government's Irish land bill, which, if drawn on the lines of the terms of the report, will insure a final settlement.

FROM WASHINGTON.

(Correspondence of the Alexandria Gazette.)

Washington, D. C., Feb. 24.

Negotiations will be started today between Attorney General Knox and William Nelson Cromwell, counsel for the New Panama Canal Company, looking to a possible extension of the option which the United States now holds to purchase the property of the company for \$40,000,000. That option will expire at midnight of March 3rd. Because information came to the President that a foreign syndicate stood ready to take the canal property on March 4th, immediately after the expiration of the option held by the United States, Attorney General Knox cabled the company a week ago agreeing to accept the option after the ratification of the canal treaty by the United States and Colombia, which means a delay of several months. President Bo. of the canal company, last night cabled in answer to the Attorney General, that Mr. Cromwell had received full authority to present personally the attitude of the company to him and that he would call upon him today. This means, it is understood, that the offer of the Attorney General has not been accepted by the canal company; nor has it been finally rejected. Mr. Knox will be given an opportunity to submit a modified offer to Mr. Cromwell. If that is done an agreement may be reached. Otherwise it is probable that unless the pending treaty is ratified before March 4th the United States will not be able to obtain the Panama route for the original price of \$40,000,000.

The democratic Senators at their conference this morning, unanimously decided to reject the compromise standard bill proposed by the republicans. They will consult with the standard republicans on the postoffice committee to see whether they will vote to put the original standard bill on the postoffice appropriation bill, and if they will not do that, they will abandon the programme. The conference also unanimously instructed Mr. Blackburn to call up at the earliest possible moment the anti-trust bill recently reported by Senator Hoar from the judiciary committee and endeavor to secure consideration for it. The conference asked for by the democrats with the republicans who favor the omnibus standard bill, is now in progress. Senators Quay, Gallinger and Hansbrough are canvassing the situation with the democrats. Before going into the conference, Senator Quay said that if he found he could not rely upon enough votes to keep the standard rider on the postoffice appropriation bill, he would not make the attempt and it would be withdrawn. The belief is that the action of the democrats this morning, will result in the failure of all standard legislation at this session. An extra session of the Senate to ratify the treaties is thought to be more probable now. It has developed that not enough republican votes can be obtained to enable the democrats to put the standard bill as a rider on one of the appropriation bills. The rider will, therefore, be withdrawn.

The congress of the Daughters of the American Revolution opened this morning at 10 o'clock for the second day's session. Routine business occupied an hour. An amendment to article 4 of the constitution was offered to make the President General eligible for more than one term. For this amendment another was appended to provide for two successive terms only in that office regardless of previous service on the national board. The amendment in this form was carried by a vote of 443 to 68. This action on the part of the congress practically assures the reelection of Mrs. Fairbanks, the President General of the National Society, the amendment having been proposed by her friends in order to secure her continuance in office. Another amendment was proposed which would make the Treasurer General eligible to continuous succession in the office instead of only one term of two years as at present. In the midst of the affirmative vote a motion was made and carried to lay the matter on the table and Mrs. Donald McLean announced that there were many delegates who had been counted as voting for the amendment while standing to vote as they supposed for the motion to lay on the table. From time to time daughters asked to be enlightened as to what they were voting on. Another amendment was offered that would prevent any State society having at one time more than one vice president general on the national board.

Secretary Cortelyou proposes a \$7,000,000 building for the new Department of Commerce and Labor.

The democratic floor leader, Mr. Richardson, of Tennessee, today threw the republican leaders into confusion by notifying them, through Mr. Dalzell, of Pennsylvania, that the Wagoner-Butler contest from the 12th Missouri district, must be handled by the House in a dignified and judicial way. If it should be hurried through, he declared, he will see to it that all other legislation pending in the last days of Congress shall be thoughtfully considered and that conference reports and matters of similar importance will not be permitted to pass except after mature deliberation. If any important measure should fail on this account, the responsibility, he declares, will be on republican shoulders.

The sub-committee of the House committee on the judiciary that met this morning to consider the memorial of A. E. Pace for the impeachment of Judge Charles Swayne, U. S. Judge for the Northern District of Florida, after a prolonged session arrived at the conclusion that the committee on judiciary would be unable to take action on the case without authority of the House.

Republicans of the House committee on elections No. 2 came to an agreement in the Butler-Wagoner contest from Missouri to try. By their finding the majority of Butler (dem.), of nearly 7,000 votes is wiped out and converted into a plurality of 267 for Wagoner (rep.), who is declared entitled to the seat on account of the alleged frauds in St. Louis. Chairman Olmstead of the committee will submit the report to the House today and the unseating of Butler will probably take place before the week is over. The democrats did not attend the meeting of the committee. The republicans unanimously adopted a report which rejects entirely the returns from 41 precincts. The democrats will submit a minority report, declaring Butler entitled to his seat. A bitter partisan fight on the floor of the House will result. Butler's seat was declared vacant at the last session. He is now to be unseated again for the remaining days of this session and a contest for his seat in the next Congress has already begun.

Christopher Jarrett is dead in this city as the result of injuries sustained seven weeks ago at the navy yard by the fall of a scaffold on which he was working. Jarrett was 75 years old, a native of Baltimore, and a veteran of the Mexican war. He led a life of adventure and fought with William Walker, the guerrilla, in Nicaragua, in 1856. Walker was captured and executed at Truxillo, Jarrett in a duel with Peter Vedder, the terror of

WALKER'S FORCE, SHOT AND KILLED THE LATTER WITH A RIFLE.

Minister Bowen has prepared a draft of the proposed protocol referring the matter of preferential treatment of the allied powers in the Venezuela affair to The Hague. He submitted it to the Solicitor of the State Department this morning, and later in the day to the representatives of Great Britain, Germany and Italy. Later it will be laid before the representatives of the "peace powers" for their approval.

President Roosevelt has attached his signature to the treaty recently negotiated by Minister Squires at Havana, providing for equalizing stations for the United States in Cuba. Minister Squires brought the document with him from Havana after securing President Palma's signature.

NEWS OF THE DAY.

Democratic Senators will filibuster, if necessary, to prevent the confirmation of the nomination of Dr. Crum, colored, as collector of the port at Charleston.

The Venezuelan gunboat Restaurador, which was captured by the Germans, was handed over by them to the Venezuelan authorities at Porto Cabello, yesterday.

The Senate Philippines committee yesterday rejected Senator Carmack's resolution that the committee continue its investigation into the conditions in the islands.

Mr. Payne the republican floor leader in the House expresses the belief that unless the Cuban treaty is amended so as to allow action on it by the House, the question will be taken to the Supreme Court.

Rev. Henry P. Johnson, colored, of Camden, N. J., was awarded \$500 damages by a jury in the United States court at Trenton, against the Pullman Car Company, he having claimed that he was refused food in a dining car.

Bishop McCabe of Omaha, Neb., declares that the Methodist Episcopal Church leads all the churches of the United States in membership and takes occasion to contradict the remark imputed to him to the effect that the church was decaying.

King Christian yesterday expressed to United States Minister Swenson his satisfaction that the friendly relations between Denmark and the United States had not been impaired by the failure of the negotiations for the sale of the Danish West Indies.

The Supreme Court yesterday decided the United States Government has a right to prohibit the sending of lottery tickets from one State to another. The court also decided Admiral Dewey's prize money cases favorably, and the Sampson claim for the Maria Teresa adversely.

The Keyser building, a three-story, basement and cellar structure at the southeast corner of Calvert and German streets, Baltimore, was partially destroyed by fire last evening shortly after 6 o'clock. Damage variously estimated at from \$20,000 to \$25,000 was done. Seven firemen were overcome to the close of the fire by smoke and escaping illuminating gas but all were rescued.

At 6 o'clock yesterday evening, after conference all day, the various elements among the republican Senators on the standard bill came together and finally and positively agreed to the compromise on the standard question arranged by the republican leaders Sunday night and pledged themselves to vote for it. The democratic Senators notified the republicans that the compromise proposed was not acceptable to them and that they would not agree to the sidetracking of the omnibus bill.

CONGRESSIONAL.

In the Senate yesterday the omnibus public building bill was passed, and the postoffice appropriation bill was considered without final action. Messrs. Daniel and Martin, of Virginia, made an earnest but unsuccessful plea for an increased appropriation for a building at Portsmouth, Va. Mr. Martin explained that the amendment was directly in line with the purpose of the bill, and asked Mr. Fairbanks why he objected to it. Mr. Fairbanks declared that his reason was that the committee had information that there was a real estate deal or combination to run up the price. This Mr. Martin emphatically denied.

Mr. Tillman spoke for nearly two hours, principally in reply to Mr. Spooner, on the Indianola (Miss.) postoffice case. He said that if the policy of the administration in regard to the equality of the negro was carried on and Booker Washington should be appointed to the Cabinet he would vote for his confirmation. He did not conclude his remarks.

The House passed and sent to the Senate the general deficiency appropriation bill, the last of the regular budget. It carried \$13,698,781. The only amendment of importance was one appropriating \$1,100,000 to replace the stores and storehouse at the Rock Island Arsenal, recently destroyed by fire.

The bill to amend the railroad safety appliance act was sent to conference, and the conferees were instructed not to insist upon that portion of the House amendment giving the interstate commerce commission power to reduce below 50 per cent. the number of cars equipped with patent air brakes.

FOREIGN NEWS.

It is reported that an Italian vessel has captured a pirate ship flying the Turkish flag, in the Red Sea. There were ten pirates aboard the ship.

The Bogdanoff cigarette factory at St. Petersburg was gutted by fire today. So quickly did the blaze spread that it was impossible to get much of the stock out and 40,000,000 cigarettes valued at \$200,000 were destroyed.

The German Ambassador to the port rendered signal service to the Turkish government by revealing the Russo-Austrian reform scheme for Macedonia before it was formally prepared. The Embassy thus enabled the Porte to prepare for an immediate reply to the joint powers.

An American named Fisher who describes himself as a Kentucky planter, has been arrested at Buda Pesth charged with bigamy and fraud. Although already married it is charged that Fisher induced a wealthy Hungarian widow to wed him and then absconded with her fortune.

Romain d'Aurignac, Madame Humbert's brother, who is held in Paris for his connection with the notorious Humbert swindlers, has received an offer from the Baran and Bailey circus people. D'Aurignac has trained three fleas in his cell until they have become quite proficient at trick. The circus people have asked him to name his own price for them.

E. Ellery Anderson, the well known lawyer, and democratic politician, died suddenly at his home today in New York.

VIRGINIA NEWS.

Joseph Norman died at his home, near Stevensburg, yesterday. He was seventy-eight years old.

Mr. Wm. H. Tatum, a well-known citizen of Richmond and an ex-Confederate soldier, died yesterday.

The store of E. R. Swetnam, at Fairfax Station, was robbed Friday night of a quantity of firearms, razors and knives.

Another pyrites mine has been discovered near Mount, in Stafford county, and the owners think they have a prize. The mine gives promise of rich results.

Mr. Frank W. McKinney, a nephew of the late ex-Gov. McKinney, and Miss Minnie G. Waddell, the daughter of Mrs. Mary Waddell, were married in Richmond yesterday.

In a fit of jealous rage, James Cooper, an employee of the Lynchburg Cotton Mill, last night shot his wife and then turned the weapon on himself, sending a bullet through his head. He cannot survive the joy. His wife will recover.

Estimates which have been recently compiled show that the canning factories in the northern neck of Virginia during the last season put up 195,200 cases of tomatoes, nearly half the output of the canning factories in the states of Virginia and West Virginia. Four new canning factories are to be built and will be in operation in Westmoreland and Northumberland counties, Va., during the coming year.

At one time yesterday it looked as if Staunton would be in total darkness. About 5 o'clock, as some workmen were connecting the pipes between the old and new gas properties, an explosion took place, and the gas house of the new gas property was in flames. The gas was immediately cut off from the town. The promptness of the fire department prevented the spread of the fire, and the flames in the gas house were soon under control.

Miss Mary Burch, of Vashit, Pittsylvania county, and her escort, John Sledge, had a narrow escape from drowning while returning from a party Sunday night. The young lady lost her balance while crossing a footlog over Snow creek. The creek was swollen by the torrent and Mr. Sledge plunged in by her side. After a considerable battle with the water succeeded in rescuing her. The young lady suffered considerably with cold before she could be conveyed to her home.

State Senator E. Finley Cromwell, of Norfolk county, and Editor Hugh Johnson, of the Norfolk county democratic official organ of the "straightout" faction of the party there had a personal encounter in Norfolk yesterday. The trouble grew out of an editorial printed in Johnson's paper attacking Senator Cromwell, who is prominently identified with the opposing faction. Both Senator Cromwell and Editor Johnson were immediately arrested, and Johnson swore out a warrant for the arrest of Sheriff A. C. Cromwell, charging him with assault. All of the defendants were bailed for their appearance in court today.

The quaint old Catholic Church of Our Lady, Star of the Sea, opposite the Sherwood Hotel at Old Point, was demolished last week, being in the way of the contemplated improvements there. The pastor, Rev. Wm. A. Fallon, who was assistant pastor of St. Mary's Church in Alexandria some ten years ago, purposes building a handsome stone church in its place on a site assigned for the purpose close to the old one, as soon as possible. Rev. John P. Hagan, whom many of our readers will remember as a very popular student at St. John's Academy half a century ago, was the builder of the church just destroyed and for some time its pastor.

A fine new building, doubling the previous accommodations, having just been finished at Old Point Comfort College, after a celebration of Washington's birthday by the students, formal possession of it was taken on the 20th, by hoisting a large American flag on a pole surmounting the cupola. After various patriotic recitations and singing, Father Carie, the college chaplain, delivered an address on "Washington as a Boy," after which the students, accompanied by their teachers, marched out and halted in front of the new building and a committee consisting of George A. Feeney, of Wheeling, W. Va.; Francesco Cervoni, of Ayonito, Porto Rico, and Michael T. Houlahan, of Colmeene, Ireland, representing the college and its preparatory department, hoisted the flag, and the "Star Spangled Banner" was sung by the whole assembly, followed by three cheers from the students and a short, but fervent, patriotic address from the Director, Brother Paul, which closed the ceremonies.

THE MARDI GRAS.

Rex made his triumphant entry into New Orleans yesterday and the Krewe of Proteus presented their gorgeous pageant last night in the presence of, perhaps, the largest multitude of people ever gathered in the streets of that carnival city.

The number of strangers exceeded that of any previous year.

Aside from the homage paid the King, the feature of the afternoon parade was the popular demonstration in honor of Admiral Schley and General Wheeler, both of whom had been created dukes of the realm for the occasion. They rode near the head of the procession, through solid masses of shouting men and past the crowded galleries of applauding women.

At the conclusion of the parade Admiral Schley, accompanied by Mayor Capdevielle and General Wheeler, were escorted by the Continental Guards to their armory, where, in behalf of the Schley Pleasure Club, City Attorney Filmore presented the Admiral a loving cup bearing an engraving of the flag-ship Brooklyn. The Admiral made a felicitous acknowledgment of the gift.

Last night Proteus rode through the streets, congested with people, at the head of an unusually magnificent pageant. The subject chosen was Rider Haggard's novel, "Cleopatra," and the thrilling story of the Egyptian queen was illustrated in 20 beautiful floats.

Following the parade, Proteus was host at a brilliant ball at the French Opera House. Admiral Schley, General Wheeler, Miss Roosevelt and Miss Root were the distinguished guests.

Nearly every state in the Union was represented in the attendance, which also included many guests from abroad and the officers of the battleship Texas and the French cruiser Texe.

The curtain rose at 10:15, presenting the maskers grouped in a striking tableau. The maskers occupied the floor for an hour, after which the ball became general.

TELEGRAPHIC NEWS.

From Richmond.

(Special dispatch to the Alexandria Gazette.)

Richmond, Va., Feb. 24.—Both houses of the legislature today adopted a resolution requiring all standing committees to report by March 11.

Efforts to appoint a commission to arrange the laws to conform to the new constitution and to fix a date for final adjournment again failed.

A bill authorizing the corporation commission to regulate the demurrage and storage charges by transportation companies will come up before the House road committee at 4 p. m. tomorrow.

Mr. Caton made a strong fight again to equalize taxes on real and intangible property but failed, and the tax bill was practically finished by the House.

A bill to train blood hounds for counties passed the Senate.

Terrible Railroad Accident.

Cleveland O., Feb. 24.—A head-on collision which resulted in loss of life and destruction of property occurred last evening shortly after 10 o'clock on the Big Four Railroad near Berea. A passenger train which left Cleveland at 9:30 o'clock collided with a freight train. The two trains were running at a rapid rate of speed and the engines were reduced to a mass of tangled scrap iron. The cars were piled one on top of another until the mass of debris was 40 feet high. To add to the terror of the passengers, the wreckage caught fire, and soon many of the cars were reduced to smoldering ruins. Four mail clerks lost their lives. They were imprisoned in one of the cars and burned. One of the clerks in some unaccountable manner, escaped from the car and was found in a ditch beside the tracks. He died before medical aid could be summoned. When the collision occurred the two mail cars were telescoped and caught fire from the lamps inside the cars.

In addition to the four already known to be dead, two tramps, names unknown, were burned in the stock car, making a total death loss of six.

Escaped the Sheriff's Posses.

Roanoke, Va., Feb. 24.—A sheriff's posse, which has been searching for William Frith, who ten days ago shot and killed two men and wounded three others at Eckman, W. Va., and escaped, surrounded the home of Frith's father in Franklin county yesterday. Deputy Sheriff Webb entered the house, but was met by Frith's mother, who leveled a shot gun at him and threatened to kill him if he did not leave the premises. Webb finally got the drop on her and then searched the house. The bed in which the murderer had been sleeping was still warm, but Frith had escaped.

Fifty-Seventh Congress.

Washington, D. C., Feb. 24.

SENATE.

A bill was passed creating a new judicial district in the eastern district of Texas.

The committee on finance reported favorably a resolution authorizing the committee to sit during the sessions of the Senate or during the recess to investigate internal revenue, customs, currency, and coinage matters. It was referred to the committee on contingent expenses.

A bill was passed authorizing the minting of Thomas Jefferson memorial association medals to the amount of \$150,000.

A resolution offered by Mr. Mason was agreed to. It directs the Postmaster General to furnish an estimate of the effect upon the revenues of the service, in case of the adoption of an amendment to the postoffice appropriation bill giving periodicals the same rate given weekly newspapers.

The House resolution, accepting an invitation to attend the dedicatory exercises of the Louisiana Purchase Exposition, in St. Louis, April 30th, and May 1st, and 2nd, was agreed to, after being amended by Mr. Burton to increase the number of Senators from seven to ten and the number of members of the House from 11 to 15.

The Quoy resolution giving it the sense of the Senate that a day prior to March 2nd should be fixed for taking a vote on the standard bill was taken up. Mr. Quay said that inasmuch as the occasion which it was aimed to reach had passed, he hoped an immediate test vote would be had on the amendment offered to provide for cloture.

Mr. Aldrich declared that the motion was on referring it to the committee on rules, and after some debate, with the consent of Mr. Quay the resolution was so referred.

The agricultural appropriation bill was taken up, after Mr. Allison had favorably reported the sundry civil appropriation bill and had announced that if conditions were favorable he would move to take it up tomorrow.

The agricultural appropriation bill was completed, with the exception of the standard rider, which was passed over. The bill was then temporarily laid aside.

Mr. Aldrich then called up the bill providing for the acceptance by the government of certain bonds to insure government deposits.

The provision accepting railway bonds was amended and it was further agreed that county bonds should be accepted, as well as State and municipal.

HOUSE.

The House today considered the Senate substitute for the Philippine coinage bill. The bill as reported from the committee on insular affairs, provides for a special Philippine coinage with the American gold dollar as the unit of value. The Senate amendment providing for a universal coinage conference was reported adversely by the committee. Chairman Cooper, of the committee on insular affairs, supported the Senate amendment for a special currency.

Mr. Jones, of Virginia, minority leader of the committee, favored the bill as it passed the House, for the extension of the American money system to the Philippines.

The House by a party vote of 136 to 100, adopted the Senate substitute for the Philippine coinage bill. The House voted down the Senate amendment for an international monetary conference.

Alfred Payson Gage, one of the most widely known teachers in the public schools of Boston, died yesterday in his 67th year.

One Minute Cough Cure gives relief in one minute, because it kills the mucus which tickles the mucous membrane, causing the cough, and at the same time clears the phlegm, draws out the inflammation and soothes the affected parts. One Minute Cough Cure strengthens the lungs, wards off pneumonia and is a harmless and never failing cure in all curable cases of Coughs, Colds and Croup. One Minute Cough Cure is pleasant to take, harmless and good alike for young and old. E. S. Leubsdorfer & Son.

BANQUET LAST NIGHT.

It is generally agreed that the banquet of Alexandria-Washington Lodge of Masons last night was the most enjoyable of the many which have been given by that time-honored organization on the occasion of Washington's birthday. It was a brilliant affair from start to finish, and all who were present are profuse in their estimates of the many pleasant features and the enjoyable evening spent. Nothing had been left undone. Everything which could in the least have added to the joy of the occasion had been anticipated.

The craft began to assemble at an early hour in the asylum of Old Dominion Commandery K. T., in the upper chamber of the Masonic Temple. Members of both lodges of this city, as well as Masons from Washington and other contiguous places, were soon mingling and exchanging greetings. Governor Montague, a member of Danville Lodge, was one of the brethren, and he held an impromptu levee.

The lodge was subsequently opened in due and ancient form, with worshipful Master J. F. Birrell in the East, who was surrounded by Past Masters of this and other cities. The lodge having later been called off felicitous remarks were made by Mr. Frank Cunningham, of Richmond, who also sang several songs, gave a recitation and told amusing anecdotes.

Past Grand Master William H. Lambert subsequently made a very impressive address on Washington and historic Alexandria-Washington Lodge. The banquet was in the meantime being prepared by Mrs. A. Rammel & Sons in the lodge room below and when all things were announced as ready the lodge and visitors repaired thither. The scene was dazzling. The tables had been prepared in a most artistic manner and were inviting in every particular. Vari-colored lights had been placed in appropriate positions and flowers and palms added to the embellishments.

The company having taken their places at the tables was called to order by Worshipful Master Birrell, after which Rev. Dr. Hunt invoked a blessing upon the company and the feast. The banquet then began. The following was the menu:

Queen olives, celery, cocktail of Rock-aways, oysters, Rammel's fried, select pickled, roast turkey, cranberry sauce, Cheshire ham, smoked beef tongue, chicken a la Dorchester, lobster mayonnaise, New Orleans shrimp and poutos remoulade, Florida tomatoes, Waldorf salad, gherkins, pearl onions, cold slow, chow chow, Saratoga chips, cheese straws, pears, tangerines, oranges, bananas, Malaga grapes, apples, cream cheese, Bent's crackers, cafe noir, cigars.

After about an hour had been spent in discussing the feast the company was again rapped to order when the Worshipful Master read letters from Mr. Jno. Wanamaker, Gen. Louis Wagoner, ex-Gov. Stone, of Pennsylvania; Congressman Swanson, Grand High Priest Ewbank, Charles Woodberry, of Beverly Lodge, of Massachusetts, and others acknowledging the receipt of invitations and regretting their inability to be present. The Master of the lodge also received a message from Senator Martin stating that on account of important business before the Senate he was unable to attend the celebration.

The Worshipful Master then introduced Mr. A. G. Uhler as the toastmaster of the evening. He made a few appropriate remarks, and then announced the toast, "George Washington and the Commonwealth of Virginia," which was to be responded to by Governor Montague. The latter arose amid much applause, and after it had subsided made a most happy response. He alluded to the many illustrious Virginians who had been members of the craft. His references to Washington were thrilling, and his speech was animated, instructive and interesting throughout.

Col. G. C. Cabell, of the Governor's staff, followed in response to the sentiment, "The Day We Celebrate." His remarks were much enjoyed.

Grand Senior Warden K. Kemper then made an able response to the toast, "The Grand Lodge of Virginia."

"Fredericksburg Lodge, No. 4," was the next toast, and Mr. C. R. Howard responded.

Judge C. E. Nicol was called upon to respond to "The Judiciary of the State." He was perfectly at home with his theme and was listened to with close attention.

The toastmaster subsequently announced that "Beverly Lodge of Massachusetts joins with Alexandria-Washington Lodge in celebrating Washington's birthday." Rev. Geo. L. Hunt arose at this announcement and made a most happy speech.

"The Visiting Brethren" was the next toast announced, and this was happily responded to by Major R. W. Hunter, of this city, a member of Hiram Lodge of Winchester, whose speech was one of the events of the evening.

The festivities closed with a solo by Mr. Frank Cunningham.

The sole survivor of the Martinique horror was a passenger on the steamer Fontabelle, which arrived this morning at New York from the West Indies. He was a prisoner in the dungeon at St. Pierre when the city was destroyed by the eruption of Mont Pelee.

A GOOD THING.

German Syrup is the special prescription of Dr. A. Baschee, a celebrated German Physician, and is acknowledged to be one of the most fortunate discoveries in Medicine. It quickly cures Coughs, Colds and all Lung troubles of the severest nature, removing, as it does, the cause of the affection and leaving the parts in a strong and healthy condition. It is not an experimental medicine, but has stood the test of years, giving satisfaction in every case, which its rapidly increasing sale every season confirms. Two million bottles sold annually. Baschee's German Syrup was introduced in the United States in 1868, and is now sold in every town and village in the civilized world. Three doses will relieve any ordinary cough. Price 25 and 75 cts.

To Get Rid of a Troublesome Corn. First soak it in warm water to soften it, then rub it down as closely as possible without drawing the blood and apply Chamberlain's Pain Balm twice daily, rubbing vigorously for five minutes at each application. A corn plaster should be worn for a few days, to protect it from the shoe. As a general liniment for sprains, bruises, lameness and rheumatism, Pain Balm is unequalled. For sale by Richard Gibson, druggist.

Only one remedy in the world that will at once stop itching of the skin in any part of the body; Doan's Ointment. At any drug store, 50 cents.

WASHINGTON'S BIRTHDAY DINNER.

The dinner given in London last night by the American Society in honor of Washington's Birthday was the occasion for a brilliant assemblage; the chief feature of which was the welcome given to Hon. D. R. Francis, formerly United States Secretary of the Interior and now president of the Louisiana Purchase Exposition. Wishes of success to the exposition were expressed by the speakers.

The Duke of Devonshire and Lord Londonderry, members of the cabinet, officially voiced the good will of the British government, while such representative Englishmen as the Lord Mayors of London and Bristol, the Lord Provost of Glasgow, Lord Strathcarron, Lord Rothschild, and Sir Charles Dilke, J. H. Dalziel, Sir Thomas Dewar, Sir Joseph Lawrence, Ebenezer Parkes, Sir Gilbert Parker and Joseph Walton, of the House of Commons, all gave expression to their hearty good wishes.

Among the many well-known Americans present were Ambassador Choate, Consul-General Henry Clay Evans, Stand